

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in the present application.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement, and requested that Applicants elect one of the six (6) identified groups of claims for prosecution in connection with the present application. The groups of claims are as follows:

Group I – Claims 1, 2, and 16, drawn to a polycyclic fused ring of the general formulas 1, 2, and 14.

Group II – Claims 3, 4, and 19, drawn to a polycyclic fused ring of the general formulas 3, 4, and 17.

Group III – Claims 5-12, 15 and 18, drawn to an intermediate of the general formulas 5, 6, 7, 8, 13 and 16 and the process for making an intermediate.

Group IV – Claim 13, drawn to a polycyclic fused ring of the general formula 11.

Group V – Claims 14 and 20, drawn to a polycyclic fused ring of the general formulas 12 and 18.

Group VI – Claim 17, drawn to a polycyclic fused ring of the general formula 15.

APPLICANTS ELECTION

Applicants respectfully elect Group II, including claims 3, 4, and 19, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims during the pendency of this application.

CONCLUSION

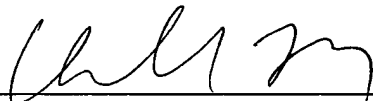
An early indication of the allowability of claims 1-20 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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